

Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart of Jesus, thou hast revealed to Saint Margaret Mary thy desire to reign over Christian families. Behold us, therefore, assembled here today to proclaim thy absolute dominion over our family.

We desire henceforth to shape our lives in accordance with thy life, to cultivate at our hearth those virtues to which thou hast promised peace here below, and to allow no place to that worldly spirit which thou hast condemned.

Thine it will be to reign in our minds by the simplicity of our faith and in our hearts by love for thee alone, a love whose flame we intend to keep brightly burning by the frequent reception of the Eucharist.

Deign, O Divine Heart, to preside over us when we are gathered together, to bless our spiritual and temporal affairs, to banish our cares, to sanctify our joys, and to lighten our sorrows.

If any one of us should ever, alas, offend thee, remind him, O Divine Heart, that thou hast nothing but kindness and mercy for the repentant sinner.

And when the hour of parting comes and death shall bring bereavement to our home, then both those who are to be called away and those who are to be left will be resigned to thy eternal decrees.

One thought shall uphold us, that a day will come when our family, reunited in heaven, will extol thy glories and thy goodness for ever.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the glorious Patriarch, Saint Joseph, present to thee this our consecration, and keep us mindful of it all the days of our lives.

Hail, Sacred Heart of Jesus, our King and Father!